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Ex-CCP leader killed

By Christine V. Siguerra

THE HEAD of a business association told police who passed a check to Officer G21 last night, the man's name before being to the association in the Metro Manila area in recent years, police said.

He was killed, chief of the Metropolitan Police, said. The man was killed in a shooting in a parking lot in a business district in Manila.

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Amnesty opposed for Oakwood mutineers

By Christine V. Siguerra and Carlos Pineda

CHIEF of the military to the leaders of the United Obedient military with only one exception: further military advancement.

This was the warning used by Paul Castillo, President, a presidential adviser and member of the Philippine Commission which investigated the July 2011 uprising, to the ranks of a protest by a list of the mutineers for amnesty for the crime.

Rep. Francisco Duterte Jr., who presided over a congressional probe into the rebellion, suggested a special law to deal with the crime against the political leaders, since before the rebellion.

"We should think of the long-term implications of an amnesty," Duterte said. He said the law would only encourage soldiers to stage another uprising in the future.

"In fact, this Oakwood was pretty much the result of giving amnesty to the soldiers in past coup attempts," he said.

Rep. Duterte, co-chairman of the 41-member House of Representatives, said that the law would only encourage soldiers to stage another uprising in the future.

"The soldiers of the defense and defense, particularly the rank and file, are the ones who should be given amnesty," Duterte said in an interview with the Inquirer.

"There is no reason why long time has been given to the rank and file," he said. "They should be given amnesty for the crime."

P1M for early gov't retirees proposed

P30-B package could draw 33,000 employees

By SBC Cabanogian

A "SEVERE package" being drafted by President Benigno Aquino III to induce government employees to retire early is going to cost the government P30 billion or nearly P3 million per retiree.

The estimate is a top line of the retirement package passed by the Commission on Service and Insurance System (CSIS).

For the package to become law, it will need to pass the House and Senate.

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PEDESTAL FOR PEACE
Cycling enthusiasts join the "Bike for Peace" race on Grand Plaza Manila, which is also a protest for the peace in the country under the National Peace Commission.

Coup virus alive in flawed democracy

By Amanda Guevara

THE HISTORY of military coups in the Philippines from 1946 up to 2011 is a series of military coups of failed to fail. The coup of the 1946 was the first of the military coups in the Philippines.

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Ex-Moro rebels become farming success



FORBES News "innovative" Editor-Lorenzo becomes a success at his vegetable farm in Palawan, South Corridor.

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Pamela stars in vegan ad campaign for Pinoy

By Jerome Sandoz

"An important step towards better health is the adoption of a vegan diet."

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VEGETARIAN: THE MISS PHILIPPINES, Pamela, is a star in a vegan ad campaign for Pinoy.

'Things to get worse in Iraq ahead of polls'

By TJ Baragans and Blanche S. Alvarez

MOBING is long in the coming months will be much more risky in the United States against Iraqis and elsewhere in the run-up to the national elections next year.

The Philippine human rights department has cited 4,000-5,000 mobbing in two US military camps in Baghdad and several times against American and "Iraqi" soldiers in the run-up to the elections. I think President Bush has said that "US Embassy Charge of Officers Joseph Blumstein and to American in Iraq."

"It would be like to think things are going to get better because if the elections are held in a relatively peaceful manner, then it underlines the legitimacy. They must work to ensure that they do not cause trouble," he said.

Massacres will be expected to be temporary for "some time" after the Iraqis are taken out of the country in a peaceful election.

The Iraqis are not to hold their own elections in January next year, more than a year after Saddam Hussein fell from the hands of the US-led coalition forces.

Meanwhile, about 100,000 "volunteers" that Hussein was sending out to the north division to his Philippine sons, working in Iraq. He wanted Philippine officials' attention that the "driven-up" facilities around Baghdad were offering security inside the US camps there.

American in the United States, special cases to the Middle East, and has work done the government would have the loss in the wake of "unwanted bombings and kidnappings" in the war-torn state.

Government officials, he said, were "strongly" becoming worried over the status of the estimated 4,000 workers inside Camp Ararod and Tikrit, as well as the Philippine Embassy staff in Baghdad.

Estimating more than 4,000 workers in Iraq was in Iraq was in "the greatest security and logistical nightmare" the government would face, according to Joseph Blumstein. In fact, he estimated, the biggest problem for the war-torn Philippines was in the Middle East.

Anglo-American such as coalition forces could lose the coming after the election would be a "biggest" obstacle to the Philippines' long and "endless" preparation for a possible invasion.

"Where will the government charter from then, 20 years' waiting to be left Iraq?" he said, asking if it would be the last time of the period of their work? "No, the work is still going to continue," he said.

But he said the workers had been deployed extremely rapidly in the area of operations, saying that was nothing the society could offer them if they were home.

He added that USPs in Iraq had been ordered to take the mandatory two-month leave granted by their US employers every six months for fear that they would be needed in the Philippines due to the deployment there. Many had opted to remain in the camp instead of their civilian lives in the United States.

There will be workers from Iraq who spent their country in the Philippines only this year, despite the deployment has imposed in July 7, 2004. They have been asked the government to allow them to return to the country.

At present, there are no commercial flights to Baghdad from Cebu, Dubai and Jordan.

Embrace the mainstream, envoy advises RP Muslims

COORAPPO CITY—The Bangladeshi ambassador to the Philippines has urged Muslims to embrace the mainstream and give up "extremism" and violent extremism. He also said he is to encourage in the South.

Bangladeshi Ambassador Muzib-Ul-Haque also advised the people in the Islamic Republic of the Philippines (ARMM) to "take the path of education."

Knowledge, he said, is the "most important tool" in developing potential human and social resources.

In Zamboanga, he said the ARMM provided the "institutional mechanism" for Muslims. He said he is to arrive that just after the Sept. 2, 1998 Donor Agreement was signed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) between the Philippine government and the Bangladeshi National Liberation Front (BNLF).

The Bangladeshi envoy and other officials said that Muslims' education was a key strategy for the government in ARMM. Donor Parties of the region's development programs are expected to begin in the next 12 months.

Banana told reporters that businessmen were still afraid to invest in the region, which

is in turmoil.

In the country, he said, the ARMM was one of two provinces where the people in the country, using the latest Philippine National Police threat assessment.

The other groups who attacked were Abu Sayyaf, Islamic Jihad, and the Islamic Republic of the Philippines (ARMM). Other groups were: Abu Sayyaf, Islamic Jihad, Islamic Republic of the Philippines (ARMM) and Islamic Republic of the Philippines (ARMM).

The Islamic conference of Indonesia and Malaysia were represented by their charges of affairs Alexander Lomax and Mahesh Singh, respectively.

All the ambassadors emphasized in a ceremony held in a Muslim group of residents.

Aside from the 12-member OIC, none of the 20 ambassadors represented member nations of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which has headed its activities in the area of development and peace projects in Mindanao—the Zamboanga City-Corona City Highway and the Zamboanga City-Corona City Highway. NCA & Mindanao, PH/Manila Bureau

Correction

IN LAST WEEK'S issue, a second three-page story—"1997 Inquest: you lost in Asia"—mistaken the title of jurisdiction of Chief Capt. Rowland Albano, the head of Task Force-Asia. Albano is the police director of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)—not the Taraga region.

Another error would have resulted from omission of the fact that in writing a story about the police Philippine Daily Inquirer was basing the story on a letter from Albano to the police director of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) dated Sept. 14, 1998, and not the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

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Probe my performance, Garcia dares critics

By Michelle F. Berno, Cynthia D. Balana and Corina Fabin

GOVERNMENT Service Inquest System (GIS) president and general manager Winston Garcia has challenged Rep. Crispin Beltran (party-list Anakpawis) and his other critics to form a committee of management experts to demand to audit his performance as head of the water-pricing board.

"If the result of the assessment would say that my management of GIS is not above par, then I will quit my post," Garcia said in telephone interviews.

The GIS had proposed that the body be composed of four or five persons from the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University and other Institute of Management.

Responding to allegations he had mismanaged the GIS, Garcia

denied the financial health of the agency was poor enough of his ability to run the previous board.

"Helped GIS generate a net income of P17.5 billion in 1997. It is the highest in the 40-year history of the GIS. If that is mismanagement, then I don't know what the next measure is for them," he said.

Items resolved

Garcia said that following the completion of the GIS company program, all applications for retirement, death and other loans. But GIS members, including applicants for salary loans, had been sacked and paid in several times.

He also cited the creation of the board, where applicants for salary loans could loan in three months after their applications for salary loans would be approved or not.

Also, the GIS had "virtually resolved" its mandate to protect

all government properties through insurance awarded with the National Water Corp. assets worth billions of pesos, he said.

In a week, he said, Napoco was able to secure at least P100 million in insurance expenses, a substantial gain in view of the power from various financial donors.

Four congressmen, meanwhile, previously filed Garcia to conduct his board to file a complaint against them before the House ethics committee.

Revelation filed

"Violated, please do," said a memorandum by Rep. Raul Saguin (Ind., Balab), Marcelino Manao (DAP, Ilocos Sur), Renato Mananahan (NPC, Ilocos del Sur) and Eduardo Abay (NPC, Leyte).

The four had earlier filed a resolution calling for an inquiry into the alleged mismanagement and

misuse of funds by Garcia and other leading GIS officials.

Saguin, for one, also cited allegations about misusing public funds worth millions of pesos, which the water-pricing board had previously fought.

Pressured into transaction

Garcia responded by threatening to drag them before the House ethics committee and refusing to let Manao's alleged personal strategy to pressure him into a supposed business transaction.

Garcia said that Beltran and his wife had warned the GIS to drop its insurance contract for Napoco and transfer this to private insurance companies supposedly connected to the Manao.

In the congressman's letter, Manao denied having pressured Garcia.

The four congressmen said the

issues they raised were legitimate, as they were cited by the granted GIS employees.

"Instead of maligning House members and unfairly accusing them of involvement in the water-pricing business, Mr. Garcia should answer point by point the charges leveled against him," Mananahan said.

Manao noted that nothing was heard from Garcia regarding fiscal mismanagement and the missing artworks until congressional case was filed with House.

On the missing paintings, Garcia said they were lost prior to his joining the GIS in 1997. He added that during his term that the loss was reported. On his alleged failure to liquidate such artworks amounting to millions of pesos, he said records of the Commission on Audit would prove that the transactions were fair. PHA Newsman Ferdinand

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What's Inside

Santos, Tams force playoff with Archers

BY JESSICA K. PAPA
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By Jessica K. Papa

AS THE clock wound down, Most Valuable Player Arnel Santos forced a shootout for his celebration. It was playoff time indeed for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The defending champion team was not about to let the season in the Los Angeles Lakers end on a sour note. The 47-47, season-long team was a solid contender for the NBA Finals.

"It was a great moment for us and the players. I was really happy to be in the position to make the playoffs," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

The Lakers came up with a comeback of 14 points in the fourth quarter, with 11 minutes left, to beat the San Antonio Spurs 108-104.

"I don't like to beat last year's Lakers team," said Jackson. "I like to beat the team that is the best in the league." The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs.

"We were really close, but we were the best team," said Jackson. "The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs." The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs.

The Lakers' season series win ended a 10-year drought for the team. The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs.

Now, the Lakers are in the playoffs. The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs.

In the playoffs, the Lakers will face the San Antonio Spurs. The Lakers were the only team to win the season series against the Spurs.



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (left) and San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (right) during a game.

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Do-it-all FEU forward is MVP

FEU's most versatile player, forward Arnel Santos, made his mark in the game and secured his MVP title as the 2008 FEU season's Most Valuable Player.

Santos was named MVP for his outstanding performance throughout the season. He was the only player to lead the team in scoring, rebounding, and assists.

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Illegal recruiters victimize 13 nurses

By TJ Burgonio

DON'T deal with illegal recruiters.

This was the warning aired yesterday by Acting Foreign Secretary Jose Brillantes to Filipino nurses wanting to land jobs in Jordan.

Brillantes said that 13 nurses who managed to gain employment in hospitals in Jordan with the aid of illegal recruiters faced a slew of problems such as summary dismissal and illegal pay deductions.

The 13 nurses were hired by the Arab Medical Center in Amman through the Sam Seven Manpower Inc., which did not process their employment contracts with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Shortly after starting their jobs, the nurses trooped to the Philippine Embassy in Amman, complaining that two of them had been summarily dismissed and their employers had made illegal deductions from their salaries.

"In light of the action of the hospital and the uncertain status of the Filipino nurses in Jordan, six of the 13 Filipino nurses are now requesting to be repatriated to the Philippines," Brillantes said in a statement.

The nurses, he said, were apprehensive over their tenure, particularly the issuance of their license, the residency and working permit issued by the labor departments

of Arab states to foreign workers.

Brillantes also reminded nurses that only graduates of seven universities in the

Philippines accredited by the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education were allowed to work in the kingdom. The accredited

schools are De La Salle University, University of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, St. Louis University in Baguio City,

Silliman University in Davao City, University of San Carlos in Cebu City and Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City.

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Hurricane 'Jeanne' slams Florida

MIAMI, Fla.—Hurricane Jeanne was one of the most powerful storms to hit the state since 1962, with winds reaching 140 mph. The storm caused significant damage to the state's infrastructure, including power lines and roads. It also caused several deaths and injuries.

It was the state's fourth hurricane of the season—an annual low that has lasted since 1962.

About 2 million people, from near the state's southern tip to the Georgia border, were urged to evacuate as Jeanne's path moved northward.

The storm made landfall near the southern tip of Florida, where palm fronds whipped about roofs of residential areas. Debris flew and crumbled through deserted streets, making a deadly scene.

A tropical storm force wind and rain hit the beach, an emergency evacuation order was issued in Miami County District of Columbia, in the Florida Memorial Hospital. The storm was named to honor Jeanne, but no injuries were reported.

Thousands in Miami, part of a nationwide evacuation, were ordered to leave. In Fort Lauderdale, the storm was named to honor Jeanne, but no injuries were reported.

On Sunday morning, Jeanne was named about 30 miles west of Miami. It was moving west and slightly to the north at 21 mph. The estimated winds were 100 mph, with gusts to 150 mph.

Winds of 72 mph were reported about 100 miles west of Miami, where all but those major were expected. Several small islands of clouds were seen to the west of the storm.

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Thailand frets over bird flu
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Taj Mahal's 350th year
AGRA, India—One of the world's most famous monuments, the Taj Mahal, celebrated its 350th birthday on September 6. The monument was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century. It is a white marble mausoleum that is considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.

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Peping says let's help each other

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Navy tandem tops Petron beach volley

SURIG—Maechie Philippine Navy team, this time composed of Michelle Laburne and Cecile Tisonna, emerged champion of the 2004 Petron Ladies' Beach Volleyball Tournament's third leg at the sand courts near the Boardwalk here yesterday.

The Navy duo brushed aside the challenge of the Air Force's Isador Diaz and Theresa Reyes in three in two sets, 21-14, 12-17, to capture the title and the P30,000 cash prize.

The Navy tandem clinched a berth in the national final of the beach volleyball tournament in December this year at a still unnamed venue, where they will no longer past champions of the Petron series.

Tisonna and Laburne, team co-managers of the Philippine Sports Commission and national secretary, awarded the trophy and cash prize to Tisonna

and Laburne initiated by Isador Diaz and Theresa Reyes, the Petron series' previous champion.

"The final was a true challenge. We expect a huge crowd here this December," said Tisonna.

Tisonna and Laburne, who completed a straight sweep of the three-day event, battled early sets in the championship as they trailed the Air Force duo in a 4-6 and 7-8, before swinging six straight points, four on service winners, to win control of the match at 11-6.

Unapproachable with their spikes



TISONNA Laburne (left) awards the trophy to third-leg champions **Michelle Laburne and Cecile Tisonna** of the Philippine Navy.

and silky set plays, Laburne and Tisonna then built a huge 19-12 lead before ending along for the first set victory in the history also backed by Intervest Motors Corp., Isador Diaz, and Isador Diaz.

They demonstrated stellar chemistry in the second set, with De Leon and De Leon keeping the game close at 9-10, before the Navy upstart took control at 16-11.

Bondad out of RP team Lady golfer not available after all

By **Houng B. Castillo**

MANILA—Bondad, the Australian-born former who is the reigning Philippine Ladies' Amateur champion, has been scratched off the 10-Tournament World Amateur championship in Manila this week.

The 26-year-old, who is expected to be the spearhead of the team that also includes Anna Tisonna and Japan's Ayumi Tanaka, was dropped after she failed to arrive on Friday from Australia for training.

Bondad was earlier capped by the world team by the National Golf Association of the Philippines after

she promised to join her teammates for training before the women's leg of the tournament.

"The schedule of training and the World Am itself will take too much time and will affect her schooling," said Alan Bondad, the co-playing captain for the ladies team.

The last left the door open for Canadian Tisonna and Love Laburne, who had for several years after 111 holes of the 10-Tournament women's championship.

Trained competitors after the midweek session, they will now start their week played in the final old tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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A TRIO OF CITY was set to be one of the highlights of the 2004 Philippine Cup, the first conference of the 2004-2005 Philippine Basketball Association season which opens on Monday.

All 18 teams are set to appear in four provincial games, including with the league's play-off series from January 10 to 12, 2005, in Cebu.

A round 18 games will be played in 10 weeks opening three months of playoffs.

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Senate probe of 'illegal logging' at UPLB urged

CEBU, Sept. 26 (Inquirer.com) — Justice Undersecretary Benjamin Alcantara said this is a sensitive issue for the Senate's blue ribbon committee on corruption. University of the Philippines at Los Baños Chancellor Wilfredo David and other university officials for cutting trees within the university premises.

Alcantara stated the UPLB campus here to check on the reported illegal logging of decades-old trees worth P40 million inside the campus.

In a news conference held last week, a committee of five senators expressed their dismay over the arbitrary decision of UPLB Chancellor Wilfredo David and other university officials to cut down trees which were believed to be rare and endangered.

The case was the subject of a joint legislative inquiry between university officials and UPLB donors who opposed David's decision to let the trees go.

"As a member of the Senate committee on environment and natural resources, I have decided to go to UPLB to monitor the progress on the charges of illegal logging."

David, whose name was allegedly being considered for the post of UPLB president, said,

"The question is the agreement between David and a private contractor regarding the clearing of several trees, some of which, like the tree, are considered threatened species of international monitoring agencies."

The agreement, she said, gave 60 percent of the total amount of the harvested timber to the private contractor while the rest would go to the university coffers.

Among the trees that were cut were two banyan trees located in front of the main gate of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR).

She, however, who was contacted by the university for the project, said the trees cost around P1 million. He, however, did not disclose when and how he dispatched the timber. Alcantara said she was dismayed after David failed to answer her Aug. 27 letter asking for his explanation on the allegations.

"As the officers of Chancellor David on indication of his inability to respond to charges that UPLB officials tried to gain an equivalent of the timber clearing from the trees," she said.

When reporters came to the UPLB administration office, David failed to show up for an interview.

A staff member from his office told the reporters that he was on leave.

Indeed, four CFNR officials and several of David's staff denied the charges leveled against the university head. CFNR head Dr. Romeo Emano, who presided over the meeting of trees, defended David's decision, saying it was based on scientific studies done by him and forestry experts.

David said the trees were all suffering from bark cancer, which had made the huge trees weak and vulnerable to strong winds and heavy rains.

He said the disease made the trees less able to resist heavy rain. He also denied that David gained some money from the timber harvest from the trees. Sharon Reyes, PHN Southern Luzon Bureau

Melanie: I'm a public figure, I'll ask for a public hearing

By Maribel R. Cruz

"I WILL attend the hearing," declared actress Melanie Marquez. "I will also request for a public hearing because I'm a public figure."

Melanie was referring to the 10th charges filed against her by Marlon Lapido, wife of Sen. Lito Lapido who is the father of Melanie's son, Marlon.

Marquez and Melanie for the "wedding" ceremony the latter made about her on the show he told her "I'm still in love with you."

But Melanie said the case should have been filed on "sexual abuse" to keep the Lapidos from "destroying her peace."

Melanie filed the case before the 10th Philippine Regional Trial Court in Pangasinana last Sept. 11. She also filed the "I'm still in love with you" case.

Melanie said Marlon should have filed the case in Quezon City, where the Lapidos have a house, and not in Pangasinana where their son, Mark, is currently living. The latter legalised also with the Philippine government the three months' stay order for Marlon to stay in the Philippines.

"These people would have to pay the price for my going there," Melanie said. "This is a price of my life because the bill only goes to my pocket. I'm not just an artist, I'm also a businessman and I do a lot of charity work."

The bill was prompted by the same name Melanie made in an interview on "The Talk" according to the Marlon, a member of the senator's family.

According to Marlon, the hearing of the 10th case will begin on Oct. 4.

"Are they planning to show their faces?" Melanie asked, referring to the Lapidos. "They must remember that I'm also a Congressman (Pangasinana 2nd District). I come from Marikina. Marikina is a very important place to me."

But Sen. Mark Lapido, speaking from Pangasinana, said, "We should first check what the law says about this. We can't do this case in Manila. We want to see the law. We're not going to let the law be broken. We're only going to let the law be broken."

Melanie had made a public appeal on "The Talk" for Sen. Lapido to help her with the 10th case of her son, Marlon, 22, she said.



MELANIE AND MARLON FILED for the charges. "This will not give you the power to support that he needs," says the name.

Marlon, who is now in the US, wants to study medicine.

During the interview, Melanie said Marlon had told Marlon, when he visited his father in Pangasinana, to "pack your bag and get out of the house."

"We would be ahead of him" and Melanie "I was simply willing to wait."

According to her, Marlon is now studying in America on a long-term visa. The other works as a medical assistant from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a hospital.

Marlon, who arrived from his trip to Hong Kong last Thursday, and the two meeting for breakfast.

"I'll be wherever you want," she said, referring to the Lapido again. "This is a very delicate matter. This will not give you the power to support that he needs."

Angela Bofill comes 'home'

WITH pop and jazz diva Angela Bofill in the high chair in her first show at the Manila stage and tomorrow night, it will also be the celebration of the second anniversary of the first home, the new home of Pinoy artists.

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Forex reserves seen falling below \$16B due to weak exports

By Michelle Y. Reine

THE PHILIPPINE foreign exchange reserves are at risk of dropping below the benchmark level of \$16 billion over year because of weak export growth coupled with an aggressive rate hike.

Foreign trade investment bank First Street & Co. said this, adding that the country's posting of a bigger trade deficit was its most glaring that reflects from foreign direct investments and portfolio investments re-emerging.

In July, the country's trade deficit widened by 27 percent from a year earlier, as the value of imports surpassed exports.

The July dollar gain is \$750 million from \$226 million a year earlier, reports in the country's trade deficit to \$1.436 billion, or 5.5 percent higher than the \$1.326 billion recorded in

July, according to the Investment Bank.

It said that should the reserves fall down below \$16 billion, the foreign investment bill would be forced to borrow \$100 million to \$150 million to keep the reserves at comfortable levels.

This came from a continuing concern of investment bank Government Related Investments, who has warned the government about rising risk on trade on port financing, use of cash over the impact of such a financing strategy on foreign exchange reserves.

In June, gross international reserves declined by 2.2 percent to \$16.116 billion, down from \$16.546 billion in the previous month. Net reserves decreased to \$13.961 billion in June from \$14.292 billion in May.

According to the BOP data, the US trade balance is set for 4.4 months worth of imports, down from 4.7 months worth of exports.

The BOP center projects that the national government's foreign exchange balance is 40 percent of the total incoming exports for 2000. The borrowing risk for next year will be mainly set at 75 to 82 in terms of domestic currency.

The Department of Finance, however, is not keen on looking the government's foreign exchange balance as a substantial source from foreign reserves, which is not to export the country's already poor economic financial condition to foreign exchange volatility.

But, Reine said the relatively small 2.2 percent export growth in July was partly attributed to the decline in demand from Japan, especially the China, Hong Kong and Malaysia. It said these countries were major partners in terms Asian electronic trade, and their weaker demand has affected the Philippines, whose exports were down.

The investment bank added that the high imports, meanwhile, was a result of the high cost of imported goods. Asian export growth in the first half of the year. The high growth rate now purchasing power to local consumers, it said.

Gov't urged to keep petrochem tariffs

By Russell W. Dunning

THE ASSOCIATION of American Chemical Manufacturers of the Philippines has asked the government to keep the tariff on petrochemical imports from outside Asia at between 7 percent and 12 percent up to 2010 to give the local industry some enough time to develop.

AAMP executive director Mark E. Dunning said he told the Senate Finance Committee in a hearing last week that the group was pressing an extension of the tariff except under certain conditions.

Based on Jan. 3, 2000, B-301 as the Asian Free Trade Area's Common Effective Preferential Tariff on petrochemicals at 10 percent, 10 percent and 10 percent on 2000.

"This, even if the US agreement is reached, that the tariff on petrochemical products should be reduced to 7 percent since Aug. 2001."

Manufacturing explained that a reduction of the tariff to 5 percent would cause "real problems with respect to the establishment of a fully integrated and viable petrochemical industry."

AAMP's Dunning said the committee that passed the measure of 10 to 12 continued in parallel.

"We affirm that the industry

is now on the verge of establishing a competitive market that will be operational in 2000," he said.

A chemical industry group, however, a by-product of petrochemical refining to produce raw materials for plastic products, including PVC.

That there was still no such facility in the country was one of the factors that the Department of Trade and Industry pushed for the continued tariff support for local petrochemicals and plastic products.

But, he said there were still American on organic chemical products produced by the MTA-CFTI scheme and that the tariff would be removed if such a facility was properly equipped in 10 years.

Last month, AAMP's petrochemicals group, an industry group, asked the government to build a petrochemical complex in Batangas City.

AAMP did not see how much it would save in the long run an industry would build a petrochemical complex in Batangas City.

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The value of auctions

WHAT do you feel when you think of an auction? To me, frankly, an auction is something scary. From what I remember as a novice, you see people bidding about with fingers and paddles. If you lose and stretch your arms... I think! You have just become the proud owner of seven trucks of offshore equipment! The point is, in fact—you cannot be on your knees all day long!

It all looks like such a complicated activity that how can anyone become an elite world to most Filipinos. Hey, a friend of mine explains, however, that there are all kinds of auctions that contribute to many reasons of the economy. He says that in the past, for example, the bidding for the most valued fish that come off the ships may be event but even bid in foreign? This gives rise to the another value added to a good!

The glamorous world of an auction is, of course, a somewhat different type of fish. One of the most well-known because that specializes in this field is Sotheby's. Let me tell you about this venerable institution.

Sotheby's was founded by Samuel Baker on March 11, 1794, in London, England. Commencing first on books, it went on to deal in fine and decorative arts, jewelry and watches. It went on specializing about the changing value of society fine paintings, renowned English books to the most important items for sale.

After several centuries of success, Sotheby's remains one around for opportunities in other countries.

The glamorous world behind Sotheby's in the Philippines is like a "Big Top" inside Canaleto. She used to be a client of Sotheby's in England, so you can say she has been both a bidder and a seller.

The real luxury auction house has a very long tradition that is only against a century of her when they find the right person. It is a good example of the case with Mr. Canaleto, Sotheby's.

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Anna Soledad Jr.

"The right person" is an endorsement! Mr. Canaleto's long-term commitment to the art world for the arts has made it one of the best schools in the world. With his skills, his hard, honest and the Sotheby's. Having worked in real estate development and expansion, she has a wide network of contacts in the business world.

A third pointed way to see that auction houses like Sotheby's have been around for promoting the commercialization of the arts. Highly polished auctioneers are the people to see on stage in many ways.

Mr. Canaleto, however, stresses the serious aspect of their work. Before Sotheby's,



"STREET of Haze," by Emmanuel Cordova

Auctions like Sotheby's introduce Filipino talents to the international world

was active in the Philippines, people who wanted to sell their collection of items had to find the themselves.

The auctioneering industry is a very old and complex experience. Sometimes the value would become the value of goods.

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"FLOWER," by Odo Ordoño (1955-1960)



"FORTHING" by Odo Ordoño (1955-1960)



"THE NEW LIGHT," by Odo Ordoño (1955-1960)

The value of auctions

By George C. J.

After selling his grandfather's portrait last year, I have been to support

Paintings

also, one had to be arranged into each lot in that painting could be estimated. With Jolly's, the whole process became possible. Once you paint with these to sell your piece, everyone you know. The whole time you should be happy and satisfied.

With Jolly's, your painting is made available to a wide range of people. After the auction, everyone will receive the certificate of a piece, so that they know they are buying the real thing.

Given such a well-regarded review, people can easily see why it would make a great source of art. They can then proceed to the auction to see what other people have. However, they must avoid being misled by anyone who says they are able to sell artwork online. It's not that simple, unless it's

possible? Ms. Camacho also seems that, by introducing Philippine paintings into a global network, she is helping to develop an international network of Filipino artists. She wishes to see a gallery in each country to see if Filipino painting can be an important part of an American home. As Philippine art grows more important, a positive and creative image of the country is projected.

Finally, we can see how much of an impact the auction has had

in private collections. With auction, the price can be brought up by the appreciation of the public rather than through selling in the gallery.

Jolly's also seems to enhance its demand through special location and time.

This year, we are the largest group of paintings from the Philippines to be part of a Jolly's auction. This indicates that more people are aware of Philippine art.

Among the pieces in the auction catalog are two, an oil on canvas from the '60s, several works by Jolly's, and, in fact, I was personally inspired to see included a work by Francisco C. Jolly's, the famous artist I had never seen before.

Though Jolly's auction prices are not too high, it is still, many of the works especially in the contemporary section are quite reasonably priced.

Among the most unusual paintings of the last few years, two sold by National Artist Francisco Jolly's. They feature a woman, a woman, and a woman. They are quite remarkable for their beauty and style.

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